



GVTC and The GVTC Foundation Invest in Local Talent Through Scholarships

New Braunfels, Texas — May 2026 — As South Central Texas grows, competition for talent is increasing. GVTC is focused on a simple idea: the future of this region should be built by the people who already call it home.

GVTC Communications and The GVTC Foundation are putting that into action, awarding scholarships this year to three local students whose goals reflect the skills, leadership, and service needed to sustain the region's growth.

Selected in partnership with the New Braunfels Community Foundation, this year's recipients represent fields that are critical to the long-term strength of the communities GVTC serves—from technical trades to education to advanced STEM careers.

"This is about more than helping students take the next step," said Josh Pettiette, President and CEO of GVTC. "It's about investing in people who will live here, work here, and help build what comes next. Strong communities don't happen by accident—we have to invest in them."

2026 Scholarship Recipients

\$10,000 CTE Scholarship

Cade Wood – Canyon High School

Cade plans to pursue a career in aviation, working toward becoming a professional pilot. His path reflects the growing need for skilled, technical professionals supporting critical industries across the region.

\$15,000 Ola Armstrong Scholarship

Hailey Mandel – Johnson High School

Hailey plans to study elementary education, with the goal of serving students in her community. Her commitment to service highlights the ongoing need for strong local educators.

\$25,000 Ritchie T. Sorrells Leadership Scholarship

Heith Johnson – Pieper High School

Heith plans to pursue aerospace engineering, with aspirations to contribute to innovation in STEM fields. His focus reflects the next generation of talent shaping the region's future.

"These students have already shown a commitment to doing something meaningful with their future," said Sonia Aguillon, President of The GVTC Foundation. "Our role is to support that path and make sure opportunity is within reach."

Through The GVTC Foundation, GVTC continues to invest in education, workforce development, and nonprofit organizations across its service area. Since its founding, the Foundation has contributed millions of dollars to scholarships and community initiatives—supporting not just access to education, but the long-term strength of the region itself.

About GVTC:

GVTC is a member-owned communications cooperative built by the communities it serves. Founded in 1951, the company delivers fiber-based connectivity across the Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas—combining reliable infrastructure with a deeply local, relationship-driven approach.

Unlike national providers, GVTC is designed around long-term value, not short-term transactions. Its fiber network supports how people live and work today—while its service model reflects a simple principle: customers aren't accounts, they're neighbors.

GVTC also operates a regional carrier transport network connecting major Texas markets, including San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Lubbock, and Houston.

Now in its 75th year, GVTC continues to invest in both infrastructure and community. Through the GVTC Foundation, the cooperative has contributed millions of dollars to support local nonprofits, scholarships, and initiatives that strengthen the communities it calls home.

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